up to the full length of a probe derived from the cDNA sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:15 or SEQ ID NO: 16 and isolating a nucleotide sequence which has promoter activity from the 5' flanking region of genomic DNA which specifically hybridizes to said probe, wherein hybridization is carried out in a solution comprising 50% formamide, 5X SSC, 0.1% SDS, 5 mM EDTA, 10X Denhardt's solution, and 25 mM sodium phosphate at pHo.5 with 250 μg/ml carrier DNA, and hybridization washes are performed in 2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 42°C for 3 x 30 minutes, whereby said transcriptional factor is obtained.

- 2. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 1, further comprising a transport signal encoding sequence from a plant nuclear-encoded gene.
- 3. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 2, wherein said transport signal encoding sequence comprises a plastid transit peptide.
- 4. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 1, wherein said DNA sequence further comprises as an operably joined component a transport signal encoding sequence for a signal peptide which provides for transport across the rough endoplasmic reticulum.
- 5. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 4, wherein said DNA sequence further comprises as an operably joined component, 3' to said open reading frame, a vacuolar localization signal.
- 7. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence of Claim 1 wherein said open reading frame is from a bacterial or a plant gene.
- 8. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence of Claim 7 wherein said gene is selected from the group consisting of ORF438, tyrA, anthocyanin R gene, anthocyanin C1 gene, pig, and tna.

- 9. (Reiterated) A DNA construct comprising a DNA sequence of Claim 1.
- 10. (Reiterated) A DNA construct comprising two DNA sequences according to Claim 1, wherein said protein in a biosynthesis pathway in each of said two DNA sequences is not encoded by the same gene.
- 12. (Reiterated) A plant cell comprising a DNA construct of Claim 9.
- 13. (Reiterated) A plant comprising a cell of Claim 12.
- 14. (Reiterated) A method of modifying fiber phenotype in a cotton plant, said method comprising:

transforming a plant cell with a DNA construct according to Claim 9 or 10; and growing said plant cell to produce a plant comprising said fiber tissue, wherein said plant tissue comprises a substrate of said protein of interest, and wherein said protein reacts with said substrate to produce said pigment, whereby the phenotype of said fiber is modified.

- 15. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 14 wherein said DNA construct further comprises a transport signal encoding sequence from a plant nuclear-encoded gene.
- 16. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 14 wherein said DNA construct further comprises a transport signal encoding sequence, which encodes a signal peptide which provides for transport across the rough endoplasmic reticulum.
- 18. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 16 wherein said DNA comprises constructs for expression of two proteins in a pigment biosynthesis pathway wherein said two proteins are not encoded by the same gene.

- 19. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 18 wherein said pigment is melanin and said proteins are encoded by tyrA and ORF438.
- 20. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 18 wherein said pigment is indigo and said proteins are encoded by *tna* and *pig*.
- 21. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 18 wherein said pigment is anthocyanin and said two proteins are the anthocyanin R and C1 proteins.
- 22. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 14 wherein said fiber tissue is a cotton burr.
- 23. (Reiterated) A recombinant DNA construct comprising the cotton tissue transcriptional sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 7.
- 24. (Reiterated) A recombinant DNA construct comprising the cotton tissue transcriptional sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 15.
- 25. (Reiterated) An isolated DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 26. (Reiterated) An isolated DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 12.
- 27. (Reiterated) The method of Claim 14 wherein said protein is an enzyme in the biosynthetic or degradation pathway of a plant pigment.

28. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 1 wherein said plant fiber tissue is cotton fiber tissue.

Cancel Claim 29 and rewrite as new Claim 58.

Sup 12/30. (Amended) The DNA sequence according to Claim [30] 59, further comprising a transport signal encoding sequence from a plant nuclear-encoded gene.

31. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 30, wherein said transport signal encoding sequence comprises a plastid transit peptide.

(Amended) The DNA sequence according to Claim [30] 59, further comprising a transport signal encoding sequence for a signal peptide which provides for transport across the rough endoplasmic reticulum.

- 33. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 32, wherein said sequence further comprises, 3' to said open reading frame, a vacuolar localization signal.
- 34. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence of Claim 57 wherein said open reading frame is from a bacterial gene.
- 35. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence of Claim 34 wherein said gene is selected from the group consisting of ORF438, tyrA, pig, and tna.

(Amended) A DNA construct comprising a DNA sequence of Claim [30] 59.

37. (Reiterated) The DNA construct of Claim 36 wherein said plant cell is a cotton fiber cell.

- 38. (Reiterated) A plant cell comprising a DNA construct of Claim 36.
- 39. (Reiterated) A plant comprising a plant cell of Claim 38.

Cancel Claims 40 and 41.



- 42. (Amended) The DNA sequence according to Claim [30] 59 wherein said plant fiber tissue is cotton fiber tissue.
- 43. (Amended) The DNA sequence according to Claim 42 wherein said transcription factor is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 16.
- 44. (Amended) A DNA sequence comprising as operably joined components in the direction of transcription, a transcriptional factor functional in a cotton fiber cell and an open reading frame encoding an enzyme in a biosynthetic or degradation pathway of melanin or indigo, wherein said transcriptional factor is obtained by the method of probing a genomic library derived from a plant fiber tissue with up to the full length of a probe derived from the cDNA sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 11 or SEQ ID NO: 12 or SEQ ID NO: 16, wherein hybridization is carried out in a solution comprising 50% formamide, 5X SSC, 0.1% SDS, 5 mM/EDTA, 10X Denhardt's solution, and 25 mM sodium phosphate at pH 6.5 with 250 μg/ml carrier DNA, and hybridization washes are performed in 2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 42°C for 3 x 30 minutes.
- 45. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 44, further comprising a transport signal encoding sequence from a plant nuclear-encoded gene.



- 46. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 45, wherein said transport signal encoding sequence comprises a plastid transit peptide.
- 47. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 44, further comprising a transport signal encoding sequence for a signal peptide which provides for transport across the rough endoplasmic reticulum.
- 48. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 47, wherein said sequence further comprises, 3' to said open reading frame, a vacuolar localization signal.
- 49. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence of Claim 44 wherein said open reading frame is from a bacterial gene.
- 50. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence of Claim 49 wherein said gene is selected from the group consisting of ORF438, tyrA, pig, and tna.
- 51. (Reiterated) A DNA construct comprising a DNA sequence of Claim 44.
- 52. (Reiterated) The DNA construct of Claim 51 wherein said plant cell is a cotton fiber cell.
- 53. (Reiterated) A plant cell comprising a DNA construct of Claim 51.
- 54. (Reiterated) A plant comprising a plant cell of Claim 53.
- 55. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 44 wherein said plant fiber tissue is cotton fiber tissue.

- 56. (Reiterated) The DNA sequence according to Claim 55 wherein said transcription factor is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 7, or SEQ ID NO: 16.
- 57. (Amended) A DNA sequence comprising as operably joined components in the direction of transcription, a transcriptional factor functional in a cotton fiber cell and an open reading frame encoding an enzyme in the biosynthetic pathway of a pigment, wherein said transcriptional factor is obtained by the method of probing a genomic library derived from a plant fiber tissue with up to the full length of a probe derived from the cDNA sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ.ID NO: 7 or SEQ ID NO: 16, wherein hybridization is carried out in a solution comprising 50% formamide, 5X SSC, 0.1% SDS, 5 mM EDTA, 10X Denhardt's solution, and 25 mM sodium phosphate at pH 6.5 with 250 μg/ml carrier DNA, and hybridization washes are performed in 2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 42°C for 3 x 30 minutes.

Please add the following claims:

--58. (New) The DNA sequence according to Claim 28 wherein said transcriptional factor is selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO:15 and SEQ ID NO: 16.

59. (New) A DNA sequence comprising a transcriptional factor functional in a cotton fiber cell, wherein said transcriptional factor is obtained by the method of probing a genomic library derived from a plant fiber tissue with up to the full length of a probe derived from a cDNA sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO:15 and SEQ ID NO: 16, wherein hybridization is carried out in a solution comprising 50% formamide, 5X SSC, 0.1% SDS, 5 mM EDTA, 10X Denhardt's solution, and 25 mM sodium phosphate at pH 6.5 with 250 μg/ml carrier DNA, and hybridization washes are performed in 2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 42°C for 3 x 30 minutes.

- 60. (New) The DNA sequence according to Claim 1, wherein said *rac* promoter sequence is selected from the group consisting of Rac 9 and Rac 13.
- 61. (New) A recombinant DNA construct comprising the cotton tissue transcriptional sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 11.
  - 62. (New) An isolated DNA comprising the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 16.
  - 63. (New) A recombinant DNA construct comprising the cotton tissue transcriptional sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 17.
  - 64. (New) The method according to Claim 14, wherein said transcriptional factor is obtained by the method of probing a genomic library derived from a plant fiber tissue with up to the full length of a probe derived from a cDNA sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO:15 and SEQ ID NO: 16, wherein hybridization is carried out in a solution comprising 50% formamide, 5X SSC, 0.1% SDS, 5 mM EDTA, 10X Denhardt's solution, and 25 mM sodium phosphate at pH 6.5 with 250 μg/ml carrier DNA, and hybridization washes are performed in 2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at 42°C for 3 x 30 minutes.--.

## <u>REMARKS</u>

## The Claimed Invention

The claimed invention is directed to methods for modifying fiber phenotype in a cotton plant, together with DNA sequences and constructs for use in the method and plant cells and plants produced using the method.